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62.47 (Rockville, Mo. Written about December 12, 1945) (Return address on envelope "J. F. Tiedke, C/o Mrs Stone, 301 West Monroe St., Blooming-United States Department of agriculture ton, Ill Library Washington 25 D. C. Gentlemen your letter of Dec. 4th at hand 1946 & a commercial Nat tree Narvery, sold only the surplus which I could not use to people in the reighborhood. - My holdings are all in one in -closure of 236 acres and located in Bates County Mo. drainage district No 1 - as the drainage district ooutains 40,000 acres its length 23 pamiles all good black soil, it looked to me like a good place to invest my sovings my desire was a good corn farm but this turned out to be a pitiful failure the comes quicker and goes down quicker but ruins all farm crops just the same. The natural wild seedlings peran trees seved my investment of which I had 1000 trees all over 50 years ald having feit in 14 years as a boy and young man in a fruit tree ornamental trees should and vokes Murrary known a Phoenix Aurreny Bloomington Ill. came handy to me I have at this time 1000 bearing seedly pecan trees from 6 to 50 ft high about 1/2 of them bearing besides 22 wild plum blumps grafted and budded to I bald, Burbank, abundance, and Manmoth Galden plums. Maximum orof of plume 615 gallout and process 14 000 lbs. - The biggest overflow we had no May 1943 the water get 141/2 It deep and my place and in the 25 year. I lived near there, we had 35 overflows , Fam a single man was 89 yet all Nov 11 the fall of 1943. Will gladly answer any other question as to above, wild life these, moonshiners bootleggers, snakes etc. Rospectfully yours

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